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## **OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 1999, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## In The Specification

At page 7, line 24, please replace "08/\_\_\_,\_\_" with \( \frac{1}{2} \)-08/457,516, Attorney Docket No.

8X8S.16US01--.

At page 7, line 26, please replace "May 31, 1996" with -- May 31, 1995--.

## In The Claims

Please cancel claims 13-15, and amend claim 1 at line 21 by changing "established" to -- establish--.

## Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.